

AGENDA: May 13, 2003

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CATEGORY: Public Hearing

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: Parking Restriction on a Portion of
Frances Way—Introduce Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.99.4 OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY CODE RELATING TO PARKING PROHIBITIONS NEAR SCHOOLS, to be read in title only, further reading waived, and set second reading for May 27, 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost to install four parking prohibition signs is approximately \$400 and would be funded by the City's annual street maintenance budget.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In January 2003, the City received a letter (Attachment 1) from a resident citing several concerns related to cars parked on Frances Way and a portion of Mercy Street during the day. These concerns included continuous long-term parking by school employees, inability to get the street swept and illegal parking. Parents who drive their children to Landels School via Frances Way compound the parking concerns by dropping off their children or parking to walk their child to the classroom. The letter suggested several alternatives such as prohibiting parking by painting a red curb, painting the curb green to create a short-term parking zone, painting a yellow curb to create a loading zone and prohibiting parking during school hours to address these concerns.

Traffic Engineering staff observed parking in the area while school was in session several times over the past few weeks. Each time three to five cars were parked on each side of Frances Way between Mercy Street and the school property. Usually, one car is parked facing the wrong way and another car encroaches into a residence's driveway, a painted crosswalk or the Mercy Street/Frances Way intersection. Parked cars observed in the morning were often observed at the same location in the afternoon, indicating they were parked all day. After 4:00 p.m., none of these cars were parked, indicating they probably belonged to teachers, staff or school volunteers. Traffic Engineering staff contacted Landels School, requesting the teachers, staff and volunteers park in the school's parking lot and not

in the neighborhood. However, several weeks after making this request, staff observed no change in the number of cars parking on Frances Way.

The parked cars contribute to congestion at the Mercy Street/Frances Way intersection during the time parents drive their children to Landels School, making it difficult for the parents to get close to the school grounds to drop off their children. After dropping off their children, parents attempt to make a U-turn on Frances Way or back out onto Mercy Street.

To develop a solution acceptable to a majority of the area residents, a neighborhood meeting was held on April 10, 2003 with residents on Frances Way and a portion of Mercy Street to discuss ways to solve the problems. Attachment 3 is a copy of the neighborhood meeting notice. At this meeting a resident showed pictures of illegally parked cars on Frances Way. Several of these cars were the same staff observed.

The residents decided prohibiting parking between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. when school is in session would be the best solution with the least impact on adjacent residents. This is the same parking prohibition in effect on residential streets adjacent to Mountain View High School. The residents also felt this solution would make it easier for parents to drop off their children on Frances Way. During weekends, school breaks and summer recess, the proposed parking prohibition will not be in effect.

The proposed parking prohibition directly affects two residences, one on each side of Frances Way. Both property owners were contacted and support the proposed school day parking prohibition. Based on the support of the affected residents, staff recommends introducing an ordinance to prohibit parking on both sides of Frances Way, between Mercy Street and its northerly terminus, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on school days.

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PUBLIC NOTICING

Letters were sent to the residents who were invited to the April 10, 2003 neighborhood meeting, including the two directly affected property owners.

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Attachments: 1. Ordinance
2. Letter from Resident
3. Notification of Neighborhood Meeting

cc: Landels School Principal

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.99.4 OF
CHAPTER 19 OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY CODE
RELATING TO PARKING PROHIBITIONS NEAR SCHOOLS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW DOES HEREBY
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 19.99.4, "No Parking Zone—Mountain View High School Vicinity," Division 5, Article VIII, Chapter 19 of the Mountain View City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 19.99.4. ~~No parking zone—Mountain View High School vicinity~~No parking zones near schools.

It shall be unlawful to park or leave any vehicle standing between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. when school is in session in the areas set out in Table 19.99.4, ~~No Parking Zones—Mountain View High School vicinity~~No Parking Zones Near Schools."

Section 2. Table 19.99.4, "No-Parking Zones—Mountain View High School Vicinity," Division 5, Article VIII, Chapter 19 of the Mountain View City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Table 19.99.4 No Parking Zones—Mountain View High School Vicinity<u>No Parking Zones Near Schools</u>		
STREET	SIDE OF STREET	PORTION
Andre Avenue*	Both	Entire length
Bruckner Circle**	Both	Entire length
Bryant Avenue	South	Truman Avenue to a point 725 feet east of Truman Avenue
Bryant Avenue***	North	Truman Avenue to Ivan Avenue
Frances Way	<u>Both</u>	<u>Mercy Street to Landels School</u>
Truman Avenue****	East	Oak Avenue to Andre Avenue
Truman Avenue****	West	Andre Avenue to Blue Lake Square

* Parking was prohibited on both sides of Andre Avenue by Resolution No. 13608, Series 1982, passed by the City Council on May 11, 1982.

** Parking was prohibited on both sides of Bruckner Circle by Resolution No. 12730, Series 1979, passed by the City Council on August 13, 1979.

*** Parking was prohibited on the north side of Bryant Avenue from Truman Avenue to Brower Avenue by Resolution No. 13608, Series 1982, passed by the City Council on May 11, 1982.

**** Parking was prohibited on both sides of Truman Avenue from Bryant Avenue to Andre Avenue by Resolution No. 13608, Series 1982, passed by the City Council on May 11, 1982."

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from and after the date of its adoption.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the other remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. Pursuant to Section 522 of the Mountain View City Charter, it is ordered that copies of the foregoing proposed ordinance be posted at least two (2) days prior to its adoption in three (3) prominent places in the City and that a single publication be made to the official newspaper of the City of a notice setting forth the title of the ordinance, the date of its introduction, and a list of the places where copies of the proposed ordinance are posted.

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